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TO : The Comptroller

FROM : Finance Division

SUBJECT: Comptroller General Decisions (GAO)

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 23 April 1952, subject as above addressed to the Chief, Finance Division and Chief, Fiscal Division, wherein it was stated that the decisions should be carefully checked to determine their applicability to payments being made by CIA.

2. In this connection, you are advised as follows:

B-107504 - It appears that this decision involves mileage to and from National Airport and storage at that point while employee is on TDY to New York. Since the expense of transportation at \$.07 per mile and storage charge of \$.50 is less than two taxi fares, such claim is allowable. Finance Division will follow this practice.

B-107603 - The Finance Division will not pay any transportation expenses of an employee who has completed an overseas tour of duty, elects to resign in that country and accept private employment in another foreign country per this decision.

B-107687 - Per this decision Finance Division will not normally pay overtime to an employee in travel status for travel time outside of a 40 hour week.

B-107722 - We are aware that retirement funds may not be attached for any private indebtedness including an outstanding debt due a Federal Credit Union.

B-106864 - Our general practice is to require statements regarding availability of U. S. vessels where tickets are purchased by travelers. It is believed that Transportation Division makes this determination on space secured by that Division for Agency travelers. We have forwarded a copy of B-106864 to Transportation with comments regarding their responsibility in this connection. On the other hand, stations for the most part in foreign areas, purchase transportation for travelers and it is our opinion that no statement regarding availability of U. S. vessels is made on their vouchers.

B-76028 - This decision regarding appropriation merger does not appear to apply directly to the Finance Division.

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B-106971 - We normally pay taxi fares between terminals and place of abode or office in accordance with Standard Travel Regulations. This decision appears to be rendered against a special case and should we have similar cases, they would be decided on their own merits.

B-107062 - Similar to Decision B-107687 above. Payments for overtime while in travel status are not normally made.

B-106791 - Under present Agency procedure, the Finance Division is governed by the amount of per diem authorized in the travel order by the Operating Office and the Central Processing Branch, Personnel Division. If we are aware that per diem is a gratuity to the traveler, steps are taken to bring the matter to the attention of proper officials. (For example the [ ] case recently forwarded to your office involving per diem to herself and her husband, both employees of CIA, while on TDY in Washington from official station [ ]).

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B-107023 - We have not experienced any cases involving death of an employee with creditable compensatory time but will be governed by this decision if and when such a case occurs an compensation added at overtime rates to the spouse in final settlements of amounts due deceased.

B-106788 - The type of case mentioned in this decision has not to date been presented to the Finance Division. If a case involving use of a different mode of transportation due to illness had been presented, a ruling of your office would have been requested. We will be governed, however, by this decision in the future.

B-107176 - It has been our practice to charge the appropriation in effect at the time the obligation is incurred, i.e., the date the employee or Transportation Division contacts the shipping company would determine the appropriation chargeable.

B-108448 - We follow the rule outlined in this decision regarding telegrams or cables where the date of arrival or request for reservations is incidental to the official wording of the dispatch.

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B-107142 - We had not been paying per diem to employees on TDY consultation in Washington, D. C. who were transferred to the U. S. on permanent charge of station from a station abroad inasmuch as we were of the opinion such was not allowable. We will, however, reverse our position and be governed by this decision on future cases. Suggest this be made a part of the procedure for per diem presently being revised.

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Acting Chief, Finance Division

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